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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that David L. Franklin, 49, Madison, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 295 months in federal prison, without the possibility of parole, for possessing approximately one kilogram of crack cocaine with intent to distribute it. Franklin pleaded guilty to this charge on January 31, 2007.

The crack cocaine was recovered during the execution of federal search warrants at Franklin's home, and the home of a co-conspirator, on September 21, 2006. Franklin also had \$7,819 in his home. Warrants were also executed on a safe owned by Franklin, as well as a safe deposit box leased by him, and an additional \$41,802 was recovered from those two locations.

The charge against Franklin was the result of an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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